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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9313

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE STRANDEES - "ADVENTURES IN TIME, INC."

REF: COPENHAGEN 1955

1. EMBASSY ADVISED BY SPOKESMEN FOR GROUP 26 AMCITS THAT THEY EACH PAID \$1000 TO FIRM IN SAN FRANCISCO KNOWN AS "ADVENTURES IN TIME, INC.", TO FLY TO DENMARK AND THEN SIGN ON DANISH OWNED SCHOONER "MARITE" AND SAIL BACK TO U.S. ON JULY 7. GROUP ARRIVED JUNE 22 AND WERE INFORMED THAT SHIP IN FAROE ISLANDS UNDERGOING REPAIRS. TO DATE THE SHIP HAS NOT ARRIVED COPENHAGEN AND IT IS NOT YET IN CONDITION TO SAIL TO U.S. AS FIRM IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS NOT SENT NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS REPAIR.

2. "ADVENTURES IN TIME, INC." HEADED BY ERNEST MARRIS, 4201 KIRKHAM ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. 94122, TELEPHONE (415 665 9415, ON JULY 16 ADVISED GROUP TO WAIT ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS AS MONEY WOULD BE SENT FOR REPAIR OF SHIP, AS WELL AS MONEY FOR PAYMENT TO YOUTH HOSTEL WHERE GROUP STAYING. MAJORITY OF GROUP (AVERAGE AGE 22, POSSIBLY ONE MINOR OR MORE) HAVE NOW RUN OUT OF MONEY. YOUTH HOSTEL IS DEMANDING PAYMENT WHICH, TO DATE, AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN \$700.

3. REQUEST DEPT. CONTACT MARRIS TO ASCERTAIN STATUS OF CHARTER TRIP AND IF NECESSARY FUNDS BEING FORWARDED FOR REPAIR OF SHIP, AS WELL AS PAYMENT TO YOUTH HOSTEL FOR MONEY OWED TO DATE AND PAYMENT FOR ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS GROUP REQUIRED TO STAY HERE.

4. FYI SPOKESMAN BELIEVES THAT MARRIS MAY STILL BE SIGNING
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UP MORE PEOPLE FOR THIS SAME TYPE OF CHARTER. DEPT. MAY WISH

DETERMINE IF THIS IS CASE AND WHETHER FINANCIAL CONDITION OF
COMPANY WARRANTS IT.

5. GROUP IS CONTACTING MARRIS TELEGRAPHICALLY BY DIRECT
RELAY TELEGRAM FOR FIRM DECISION SOONEST ON CHARTER ADVENTURE.
(SEE REFTEL).
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